

# School-Home Connection • Lesson 17

Make going to the library  
a weekly treat.



**Your child is reading** the story “Annie’s Gifts” by Angela Shelf Medearis and the poem “Sarah Enters a Painting” by Susan Katz. These selections feature children enjoying music, art, and poetry.

## Vocabulary

<b>stomped</b>	<b>entertain</b>	<b>carefree</b>
<b>sipped</b>	<b>except</b>	<b>screeching</b>

**Opposite Meanings** Have your child copy the Vocabulary list. Read each phrase below. Have your child replace the word in dark print with a Vocabulary word to give the phrase an opposite meaning.

- a **worried** feeling (carefree)
- **including** me (except)
- **whispering** voices (screeching)
- to **bore** listeners (entertain)
- **tapped** a foot (stomped)
- **gulped** juice (sipped)



## Read Together

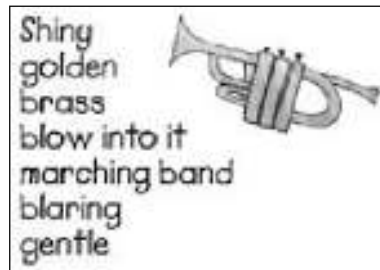


Encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes outside of class each day. Look for these books at your local library.

- **What Do You Like?** by Michael Grejniec. North-South, 1995.
- **What Can You Do? A Book About Discovering What You Do Well** by Shelley Rotner and Sheila Kelly, Ed.D. Millbrook, 2001.
- **The Jazz Man** by Karen Ehrhardt. Harcourt, 2006.

## Everyday Writing

**Description** Ask your child to write words or phrases to describe a musical instrument and its sounds, without naming the instrument. Have your child read aloud the descriptive words as you try to guess what instrument is described. Your child may draw a picture of the instrument. Use the drawing to talk about how the instrument is played and what it sounds like.



## Let's Talk About...

**Creative Arts** Use these discussion starters with your child to discuss “Annie’s Gifts.”

- Your child read a story about a girl whose family is musical. What does your family do that involves music?
- The girl in the story is disappointed when she cannot learn to play a musical instrument. How important do you feel it is to learn to play music?
- The girl in the story enjoys listening to music, drawing, and writing poetry. Discuss the things your family enjoys doing together.